

✓ At page 7, line 6, before "FIGURE" please insert --

D² FIGURE 6A is a top plan view of an alternative embodiment of the block depicted in FIGURE 4, showing two protrusions.--

In the Claims

✓ Please cancel claim 40.

Please amend claims 35 and 44, as follows:

D³ ~~35.~~ A [pinless composite] masonry block comprising a front surface and a back surface, a top surface and bottom surface, and first and second sides, said first side having a first inset wherein said first inset spans from said block top surface to said block bottom surface, said second side having a second inset, wherein said second inset spans from said block top surface to said block bottom surface, a protrusion on said block top surface, and, first and second legs, said first leg extending from said block first side and said second leg extending from said block second side wherein said first and second legs comprise front surfaces, said leg front surfaces configured to extend towards said block front surface as said first and second legs extend away from said block.

8-43. The block of claim ~~35~~¹ wherein said protrusion[s are] is positioned on said block top surface adjacent said first and second inset.

D⁴ 9-44. A [retaining wall] structure, said [retaining wall] structure comprising one or more courses, each of said courses comprising one or more [pinless composite] masonry

blocks, at least one of said [composite] masonry blocks comprising (a) a front surface and a back surface, a top surface and bottom surface, and first and second sides, said first side having a first inset wherein said first inset spans from said block top surface to said block bottom surface, said second side having a second inset, wherein said second inset spans from said block top surface to said block bottom surface, and (b) a protrusion on said block top surface wherein said block protrusion is configured to mate with the inset of one or more adjacently positioned blocks and, first and second legs, said first leg extending from said block first side surface and said second leg extending from said block second side surface wherein said first and second legs comprise front surfaces, said leg front surfaces configured to extend towards said block front surface as said first and second legs extend away from said block.

¹⁰~~45~~. The retaining structure of claim ⁹~~44~~ wherein said structure comprises at least an upper and an adjacent lower course wherein the blocks of at least one of said upper course or said lower course comprise insets which are seated on the protrusions of the blocks of said adjacent course.

Remarks

Applicants have reviewed the Examiner's action, mailed July 31, 1995 and they wish to thank the Examiner for careful consideration given this application.